

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

TO: Planning Commission

THROUGH: Richard Thompson, Director of Community Development

FROM: Laurie B. Jester, Planning Manager

DATE: October 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Consideration of Code Amendments to Allow All Restaurants, Bars, Hotels, Facilities Within Hotels, and Similar Commercial Businesses to Remain Open Until 1:00 AM on New Years

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission **CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING** to October 28, 2009.

BACKGROUND

This request was brought before the Planning Commission based on direction from the City Council. The Council had received a request for extended holiday hours from the Downtown Business and Professional Association (DBPA). In August the Council amended the Code to allow businesses to stay open to the hours allowed on Saturday if New Years Eve occurs midweek.

On September 9, 2009 the Planning Commission held a public hearing and discussed the proposed Code Amendments. That staff report has the complete background and project description. At that hearing the proposal also included allowing extended hours on the Sundays before Memorial Day and Labor Day. The consensus of the Commission was that there was not support to consider extended hours on those days, but staff should bring back additional information for consideration for New Years. The Commission specifically requested that staff look into the following:

1. Provide input from the DBPA and the Chamber of Commerce, and the businesses that would be impacted by the proposal
2. Provide information on what neighboring jurisdiction are doing
3. Provide more input from the Police Department
4. Explore an administrative approval process for individual requests for extended hours
5. Provide General Plan goals and policies

Staff is in the process of preparing this information and will present it to the Commission at the next meeting on October 28th.

CONCLUSION:

Staff requests that the Commission continue the public hearing to October 28th.